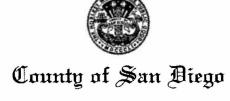
Appendix A

NOTICE OF PREPARATION AND RESPONSES

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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND LAND USE

5201 RUFFIN ROAD, SUITE B, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92123-1666 INFORMATION (858) 694-2960 TOLL FREE (800) 411-0017

January 16, 2008

Mr. Erwin Bucy Otay Mesa Crossing LLC, C/O Regency Centers 915 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 2200 Los Angeles, CA 90017

RE: CALIFORNIA CROSSINGS: P06-102; TPM21046;

ENVIRONMENTAL LOG NO.: 93-19-006AA; SCH# 2007121066; TRANSMITTAL OF NOTICE OF PREPARATION COMMENTS

Dear Mr. Bucy:

The Department of Planning and Land Use (DPLU) has circulated for public review a "Notice of Preparation" for the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for your proposed project. Attached you will find the correspondence received. A copy of the Notice of Preparation and the comments received must be included in the appendices of the EIR. Please forward this information to your EIR consultant so that the salient comments raised can be addressed in the draft EIR. Staff has reviewed this correspondence and has determined that no changes are required in the scope of the issues to be addressed in the EIR.

If you have any specific questions regarding the above, please contact Robert Hingtgen, Project Environmental Coordinator at (858) 694-3712 or e-mail at robert.hingtgen@sdcounty.ca.gov.

PROJECT SCHEDULE: Your project is presently on schedule. An updated copy of your project schedule is attached showing an estimated hearing/decision date of October 15, 2009.

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS/DATE: Please comply with the submittal requirements and due date as outlined in the "Request for Supplemental Environmental Impact Report" letter from DPLU dated November 16, 2007.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at (858) 694-3706.

Sincerely,

Tim Taylor, AICP Project Manager

Regulatory Planning Division

TT:rh

Attachments: Notice of Preparation Comments
Revised Estimated Processing Schedule

cc: Debbie Collins, Project Design Consultants, 701 B Street, Suite 800, San Diego, CA 92101

Bruce McIntyre, Helix Environmental Planning, Inc., 7578 El Cajon Blvd., Suite 200, La Mesa, CA 91941

John Thomas, Project Manager, Department of Public Works, M.S. 0336 Robert Hingtgen, Project Environmental Coordinator, DPLU, M.S. 0650 Richard Grunow, Planning Manager, DPLU, M.S. 0650

Mary Jo Lanzafame, County Counsel, M.S. A12

ESTIMATED PROCESSING SCHEDULE

Project Name: Project Number: Staff Completing Schedule: Decision-Making Body: Date Schedule Produced/Revised:

California Crossings P06-102, TPM21046 Planning Commission

Robert Hingtgen 1/16/2008

		Estimated	Actual
TASK/ACTIVITY	Estimated	Completion	Completion
	Duration	Date	Date
APPLICATION SUBMITTAL			12/22/2006
DPLU reviews for application "completeness", determines Major project issues, costs and schedule	30	1/22/2007	3/14/2007
Applicant submits revised Site Design w/o extended initial studies	120	7/12/2007	6/5/2007
Applicant and staff discuss revised Site Design	30	7/5/2007	7/25/2007
DPLU finalizes Environmental Review Update Checklist Form	14	8/8/2007	11/15/2007
DPLU completes Initial Scoping of EIR	14	11/29/2007	11/16/2007
Applicant submits documents for Public Review of Notice of Preparation (NOP)	10	11/26/2007	11/28/2007
DPLU completes advertises and distributes NOP	14	12/6/2007	12/13/2007
Public review of NOP	30	1/14/2008	1/11/2008
DPLU receives and distributes public comments on NOP to Applicant	5	1/16/2008	1/16/2008
DPLU, in consultation with the EIR consultant establishes Thresholds of Significance	10	1/28/2008	
DPLU, in consultattion with the EIR consultant establishes Analysis Methodologies	20	2/18/2008	i
Applicant submits 1st Draft EIR	180	5/14/2008	
DPLU reviews 1st Draft EIR	45	6/30/2008	
Applicant submits 2nd Draft EIR*	45	8/14/2008	
DPLU reviews 2nd Draft EIR*	30	9/15/2008	
Applicant submits 3rd Draft EIR*	30	10/15/2008	
DPLU reviews 3rd Draft EIR*	21	11/5/2008	
Env. Coordinator reviews Draft EIR	3	11/10/2008	
Applicant makes final changes to Draft EIR, produces copies of documents, & CDFG Fees	10	11/20/2008	
DPLU completes distribution paperwork, advertises and distributes Draft EIR	14	11/24/2008	
Public Review of Draft EIR	45	1/8/2009	
DPLU transmits Public Comments to Applicant	3	1/12/2009	
DPLU reviews Public Comments	30	2/11/2009	
Applicant submits 1st Draft Responses to Public Comment	14	2/25/2009	
DPLU reviews 1st Draft Responses to Public Comments	13	3/10/2009	
Applicant submits 2nd Draft Responses to Public Comment*	14	3/24/2009	
DPLU reviews 2nd Draft Responses to Public Comments*	2	3/26/2009	
Env. Coordinator reviews Responses to Public Comments	3	3/30/2009	
Board Policy I-119 Review of Responses to Comments and EIR Changes/Recirculation Decision	40	5/11/2009	
DPLU transmits Board Policy I-119 Comments to Applicant	5	5/18/2009	
Applicant revises EIR, CEQA Findings/Override, and Responses to Public Comment	14	6/1/200 9	
Environmental Coordinator reviews EIR, CEQA Findings/Override and Responses to Comments	5	6/8/2009	
Board Policy I-119 Review of Responses to Comments and EIR Changes/Recirculation Decision *	30	7/8/2009	
DPLU transmits Board Policy I-119 Comments to Applicant*	5	7/13/2009	
Applicant revises EIR, CEQA Findings/Override, and Responses to Public Comment*	14	7/27/2009	
DPLU reviews Draft CEQA Findings/Overrides/Recirculation Decision	14	8/10/2009	
DPLU finalizes documentation	10	8/20/2009	
DPLU makes final staff recommendation on the project	7	8/27/2009	
DPLU completes final documents, dockets project and initial PROJECT HEARING/DECISION	45	10/15/2009	L

Total Estimated Duration

147 weeks 33.9 months

Bolded tasks are under the control of applicant/consultant.

Italicized tasks are completed concurrently with other tasks.

* - Task can be eliminated if earlier draft documents are adequate.

Assumptions:

Project will be completed using an Environmental Impact Report.

The project is considered "sensitive" therefore Board Policy I-119 review will be required.

Applicant/consultant will provide adequate Environmental Impact Report in three iterations or less.

Applicant/Consultant will submit all required information in accordance with the estimated schedule/turnaround times.

The project will not be continued by the decision-making body nor appealed.

Any Department of Public Works or Department of Environmental Health issues will be resolved concurrently with the environmental process.

The Hearing/Decision date is subject to Decision-Making Body availability and schedule.

Dates which fall upon a holiday will have an actual completion date the first business day after such holiday.



ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER GOVERNOR

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE of PLANNING AND RESEARCH

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE AND PLANNING UNIT



CYNTHIA BRYANT DIRECTOR

Notice of Preparation

December 14, 2007

To:

Reviewing Agencies

Re:

California Crossings; P06-102, TPM 21046, Log No. 93-19-006AA

SCH# 2007121066

Attached for your review and comment is the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the California Crossings; P06-102, TPM 21046, Log No. 93-19-006AA draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Responsible agencies must transmit their comments on the scope and content of the NOP, focusing on specific information related to their own statutory responsibility, within 30 days of receipt of the NOP from the Lead Agency. This is a courtesy notice provided by the State Clearinghouse with a reminder for you to comment in a timely manner. We encourage other agencies to also respond to this notice and express their concerns early in the environmental review process.

Please direct your comments to:

Robert Hingtgen San Diego County Department of Planning and Land Use 5201 Ruffin Road, Suite B San Diego, CA 92123-1666

with a copy to the State Clearinghouse in the Office of Planning and Research. Please refer to the SCH number noted above in all correspondence concerning this project.

If you have any questions about the environmental document review process, please call the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613.

Sincerely,

Scott Morgan

Project Analyst, State Clearinghouse

Attachments cc: Lead Agency DECEIVED N DEC 19 2007

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND LAND USE

Document Details Report State Clearinghouse Data Bas

SCH# 2007121066

Project Title California Crossings; P06-102, TPM 21046, Log No. 93-19-006AA

Lead Agency San Diego County Department of Planning and Land Use

> Type NOP Notice of Preparation

The proposed project is a regional retail commercial center with surface parking and associated Description

> infrastructure on 29.6 acres. The project includes ten buildings totaling 355,918 square feet, 1,512 parking spaces, and 250 employees. Site uses would include retail, general merchandise, and food

services.

Lead Agency Contact

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San Diego County Department of Planning and Land Use Agency

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Address 5201 Ruffin Road, Suite B

> City San Diego

State CA Zip 92123-1666

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Project Location

County San Diego

City Region

Cross Streets 9200 block of Otay Mesa Road, immediately east of the SR-125 right-of-way and west of Harvest Rd

Parcel No. 646-240-48

Township **18S** Range 1W Section 25

Base

SBB&M

Proximity to:

Highways SR-125 and SR-905

Airports Brown Field Municipal Airport

Railways

Waterways Otay River

Schools

Land Use Undeveloped

Zoning: S88

East Otay Mesa Specific Plan Area land use: Technology Business Park/Commercial Overlay

Project Issues

Reviewing Agencies

Resources Agency; Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 9; Department of Parks and Recreation; Native American Heritage Commission; Department of Fish and Game, Region 5;

Department of Water Resources; Department of Conservation; California Highway Patrol; Caltrans, District 11; Caltrans, Division of Aeronautics; Department of Toxic Substances Control; State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Loans and Grants; Alr Resources Board, Transportation Projects

Date Received

12/14/2007

Start of Review 12/14/2007

End of Review 01/14/2008

Note: Blanks in data fields result from insufficient information provided by lead agency.

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San Diego County Archaeological Society, Inc.

Environmental Review Committee

17 December 2007

To:

Mr. Robert Hingtgen

Department of Planning and Land Use

County of San Diego 5201 Ruffin Road, Suite B

San Diego, California 92123-2960

Subject:

Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

California Crossings

P06-102, TPM 21046, Log No. 93-19-006AA

Dear Mr. Hingtgen:

Thank you for the Notice of Preparation for the subject project, received by this Society last week.

We are pleased to note the inclusion of cultural resources in the list of subject areas to be addressed in the DEIR. We note that this project relies upon previous archaeological investigations. Therefore, the current project must include a requirement to locate the resulting collections, upgrade them as necessary, and curate them in accordance with current County requirements.

We look forward to reviewing the DEIR during the upcoming public comment period. To that end, please include us in the distribution of the DEIR, and also provide us with a copy of the cultural resources technical report(s).

SDCAS appreciates being included in the County's environmental review process for this project.

Sincerely,

Lames W. Royle, Jr., Chairpers

Environmental Review Committee

cc:

SDCAS President

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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND LAND USE

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Dec 18, 2007

Robert Hingtgen County of San Diego DPLU 5201 Ruffin Road, Suite B San Diego, Ca 92123-1666

SUBJECT: Comments on the Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact

Report for the California Crossings project, County of San Diego,

California (P06-102, TPM 21046)

Dear Mr. Hingtgen:

The San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (SDRWQCB) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Preparation of an EIR for the California Crossings project in East Otay Mesa. The project is located in the 9200 block of Otay Mesa Road, east of SR-125 and west of Harvest Road.

The proposed project is for a regional retail center on 29.6 acres with ten buildings totaling 355,918 square feet, and 1,512 parking spaces.

The SDRWQCB regulates the discharge of stormwater to protect the quality of waters of the State, broadly defined as "the chemical, physical, biological, bacteriological, radiological, and other properties and characteristics of water which affects its use". The project proponent is required to obtain a permit from the SDRWQCB if the project has any of the following discharges:

Discharge Type	Types of Permits involved		
Discharge of dredged or fill materials	- Clean Water Act (CWA) §401 water quality certification for federal waters; or Waste Discharge Requirements for non-federal waters.		
Wastewater discharges	- CWA §402 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit.		

California Environmental Protection Agency



Robert Hingtgen County of San Diego California Crossings

Discharge Type	Types of Permits involved		
Other discharges	Waste Discharge Requirements or other permits for discharges that may affect groundwater quality and other waters of the State, such as operation of proposed solid waste transfer facilities, and other proposed project activities.		

Addressing the protection of water resources and water quality at this stage in the project offers the most cost effective strategy for minimizing the impacts of pollutants from on-site runoff to downstream surface waters and for reducing physical impacts to down slope streams and wetlands. Our review of the proposed project is limited to potential impacts to surface water quality.

1) Project Design and Low Impact Design techniques

- a) Reduce the amount of area covered by impervious surfaces through the use of permeable pavement, pavers, or other pervious surfaces.
- b) Direct roof runoff and parking lot runoff to vegetated swales, and bio-retention systems.
- c) Use recessed landscaping to capture runoff and landscaping that requires little or no irrigation. Maintain natural drainages and the pre-project hydrograph for the area.
- d) Include properly designed outdoor material storage areas and properly designed trash storage areas.

2) SUSMP Requirements

 a) As a Priority Development Project, the California Crossings project must comply with the Standard Urban Storm Water Mitigation Plan SUSMP and other requirements of the Municipal Storm Water Permit (R9-2007-001).

3) Construction Requirements

a) The draft Environmental Impact Report should list best management practices (BMPs) to control sediment and erosion during the construction phase of the project. Sediment is a pollutant of concern during construction. The draft Environmental Impact Report should confirm that sediment and erosion control BMPs will be implemented during the construction phase of the project.

- b) The development of a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for construction activities is required per the SWRCB Construction Storm Water Permit. The SWPPP directs the implementation and maintenance of BMPs during construction to minimize water quality impacts. The draft Environmental Impact Report should confirm that a SWPPP will be developed and implemented during construction.
- c) Because this project disturbs greater than one acre, it must be enrolled under the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Order No. 99-08-DWQ, of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit No. CAS00002, Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Storm Water Runoff Associated with Construction Activity (SWRCB Construction Storm Water Permit).

If you would like clarification on any of our comments or if we may be of further assistance, please contact Dat Quach, at (858) 467-2978 or email DQuach@waterboards.ca.gov.

Respectfully,

David Gibson

Senior Environmental Scientist

Southern Watershed Protection Unit

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NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION

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December 26, 2007

Mr. Robert Hingtgen

San Diego County Department of Planning & Land Use

5201 Ruffin Road, Suite B San Diego, CA 92123-1666

Re: <u>SCH# 2007121066; CEQA Notice of Preparation (NOP) draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the California Crossings Project; P06-102, TPM 21046; Log No. 93-19-006AA; Otay Planning Ares; San Diego County, California</u>

Dear Mr. Hingtgen:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above-referenced document. The Native American Heritage Commission is the state agency designated for the protection of California's Native American cultural resources. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires that any project that causes a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource, that includes archeological resources, is a 'significant effect' requiring the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR per the California Code of Regulations § 15064.5(b)(c) (CEQA Guidelines). In order to comply with this provision, the lead agency is required to assess whether the project will have an adverse impact on these resources within the 'area of potential effect (APE),' and if so, to mitigate that effect. To adequately assess the project-related impacts on historical resources, the Commission recommends the following action:

√ Contact the appropriate California Historic Resources Information Center (CHRIS). Contact information for the 'Information Center' nearest you is available from the <u>State Office of Historic Preservation in Sacramento (916/653-7278)</u>. The record search will determine:

- If a part or the entire (APE) has been previously surveyed for cultural resources.
- If any known cultural resources have already been recorded in or adjacent to the APE.
- If the probability is low, moderate, or high that cultural resources are located in the APE.
- If a survey is required to determine whether previously unrecorded cultural resources are present.
- √ If an archaeological inventory survey is required, the final stage is the preparation of a professional report detailing the findings and recommendations of the records search and field survey.
- The final report containing site forms, site significance, and mitigation measurers should be submitted immediately to the planning department. All information regarding site locations, Native American human remains, and associated funerary objects should be in a separate confidential addendum, and not be made available for pubic disclosure.
- The final written report should be submitted within 3 months after work has been completed to the appropriate regional archaeological Information Center.
- √ Contact the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) for.
- * A Sacred Lands File (SLF) search of the project area and information on tribal contacts in the project vicinity who may have information on cultural resources in or near the APE. Please provide us site identification as follows: <u>USGS 7.5-minute quadrangle citation with name, township, range and section.</u> This will assist us with the SLF.
- Also, we recommend that you contact the Native American contacts on the attached list to get their input on the effect of potential project (e.g. APE) impact. In many cases a culturally-affiliated Native American tribe or person will be the only source of information about the existence of a cultural resource.
- √ Lack of surface evidence of archeological resources does not preclude their subsurface existence.
- Lead agencies should include in their mitigation plan provisions for the identification and evaluation of accidentally discovered archeological resources, per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) §15064.5 (f)of the California Code of Regulations (CEQA Guidelines). In areas of identified archaeological sensitivity, a certified archaeologist and a culturally affiliated Native American, with knowledge in cultural resources, should monitor all ground-disturbing activities.
- Lead agencies should include in their mitigation plan provisions for the disposition of recovered artifacts in consultation with culturally affiliated Native Americans.

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 $\sqrt{\text{Lead}}$ agencies should include provisions for discovery of Native American human remains or unmarked cemeteries in their mitigations plans.

- CEQA Guidelines §15064.5(d) requires the lead agency to work with the Native Americans identified by
 this Commission if the Initial Study identifies the presence or likely presence of Native American human
 remains within the APE. CEQA Guidelines provide for agreements with Native American groups,
 identified by the NAHE, to ensure the appropriate and dignified treatment of Native American human
 remains and any associated grave goods.
- Health and Safety Code §7050.5, Public Resources Code §5097.98 and CEQA Guidelines §15064.5(d)
 mandate procedures to be followed in the event of an accidental discovery of any human remains in a
 location other than a dedicated cemetery.

√ Lead agencies should consider avoidance, as defined in CEQA Guidelines §15370 when significant cultural resources are discovered during the course of project planning or execution.

Please feel free to contact me at (916) 653-6251 if you have any questions.

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Dave Singleton Program Analyst

Attachment: Native American Contact List

Cc: State Clearinghouse

Native American Contacts San Diego County **December 26, 2007**

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Diegueno/Kumeyaay

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This list is current only as of the date of this document.

Distribution of this list does not relieve any person of statutory responsibility as defined in Section 7050.5 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 5097.94 of the Public Resources Code and Section 5097.98 of the Public Resources Code.

This list is only applicable for contacting local Native American with regard to cultural resources for the proposed SCH#2007121006; CEQA Notice of Preparation (NOP); draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for California Crossing Project; P06-102; TPM 21046, Log No. 93-19-006AA; Otay Planning Area; San Diego County, California.

Native American Contacts San Diego County December 26, 2007

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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January 8, 2008

Mr. Robert Hingtgen San Diego County Department of Planning and Land Use 5201 Ruffin Road, Suite B San Diego, CA 92123-1666

JAN 16 2008

Dear Mr. Hingtgen:

San Diego County's Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for California Crossings; SCH# 2007121066

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Division of Aeronautics (Division), reviewed the above-referenced document with respect to airport-related noise and safety impacts and regional aviation land use planning issues pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Division has technical expertise in the areas of airport operational safety, noise, and airport land use compatibility. We are a funding agency for airport projects, and we have permit authority for public-use and special-use airports and heliports.

The proposal is for a 29.6-acre regional retail commercial center that will include retail, general merchandise, and food services. The project consists of ten buildings totaling 355,918 square feet, 1,512 parking spaces, and 250 employees.

The project site is located approximately 5,900 feet southeast of the Brown Field Municipal Airport directly beneath the extended runway centerline. Brown Field Municipal is an active airport with approximately 183 based aircraft and over 100,000 annual operations. The project site will be subject to aircraft overflights and subsequent aircraft-related noise and safety impacts. The proposal should be coordinated with Brown Field Municipal Airport staff to ensure that the proposal will be compatible with future as well as existing airport operations. Airport-related noise, safety, and land use concerns should also be thoroughly addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Protecting people and property on the ground from the potential consequences of near-airport aircraft accidents is a fundamental land use compatibility-planning objective. While the chance of an aircraft injuring someone on the ground is historically quite low, an aircraft accident is a high consequence event. To protect people and property on the ground from the risks of near-airport aircraft accidents, some form of restrictions on land use are essential. The two principal methods for reducing the risk of injury and property damage on the ground are to limit the number of persons in an area and to limit the area covered by occupied structures. The potential severity of an off-airport aircraft accident is highly dependent upon the nature of the land use at the accident site.

CEQA, Public Resources Code Section 21096, requires the Caltrans Airport Land Use Planning Handbook (Handbook) be used as a resource in the preparation of environmental documents for projects within airport land use compatibility plan boundaries or if such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of an airport. The Handbook identifies six airport safety zones based on risk levels. Portions of the project site appear to be within the Inner and Outer Approach and Departure Zones 2 and 4 and the Traffic Pattern Zone 6 for Brown Field Municipal Airport. Safety Zones 2 and 4 are situated along the extended runway

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centerline with approaching aircraft usually at less than traffic pattern altitude. The Handbook is available on-line at http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/planning/aeronaut/. Chapter nine provides guidance on appropriate land uses within the various airport safety zones.

The project site is also located within Compatibility Zones C and D and possibly within Zone B1, as designated in the San Diego County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP). The proposal must be consistent with the ALUCP. The proposal should be submitted to the San Diego Regional Airport Authority, which represents the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC), for a consistency determination.

California Public Utilities Code Section 21659 prohibits structural hazards near airports. In accordance with Federal Aviation Regulation, Part 77 "Objects Affecting Navigable Airspace" a Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration (Form 7460-1) may be required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Form 7460-1 is available on-line at https://oeaaa.faa.gov/oeaaa/external/portal.jsp and should be submitted electronically to the FAA.

Business and Professions Code Section 11010 and Civil Code Sections 1102.6, 1103.4, and 1353 address buyer notification requirements for lands around airports and are available on-line at http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/calaw.html. Any person who intends to offer land for sale or lease within an airport influence area is required to disclose that fact to the person buying the property.

The protection of airports from incompatible land use encroachment is vital to California's economic future. Brown Field Municipal Airport is an economic asset that should be protected through effective airport land use compatibility planning and awareness. Although the need for compatible and safe land uses near airports in California is both a local and a State issue, airport staff, airport land use commissions and airport land use compatibility plans are key to protecting an airport and the people residing and working in the vicinity of an airport. Consideration given to the issue of compatible land uses in the vicinity of an airport should help to relieve future conflicts between airports and their neighbors.

These comments reflect the areas of concern to the Division with respect to airport-related noise and safety impacts and regional airport land use planning issues. We advise you to contact our Caltrans District 11 office concerning surface transportation issues.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this proposal. We look forward to reviewing the Draft EIR. If you have any questions, please call me at (916) 654-5314.

Sincerely,

SANDY HESNARD

Aviation Environmental Specialist

c: State Clearinghouse, Brown Field Airport, San Diego ALUC

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In Reply Refer To: FWS-SDG-08B0241-08TA0238

Jan 15 2008

Robert Hingtgen Department of Planning and Land Use County of San Diego 5201 Ruffin Road, Suite B San Diego, CA 92123-1666

Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for California

Crossings, County of San Diego, California

Dear Mr. Hingtgen:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has reviewed the Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR), received December 13, 2007, for the abovereferenced project. The Service has been working with the County of San Diego to develop the Otay Mesa Plan. We recommend that this project be consistent with the plan. Additionally, the Service offers the enclosed list of federally protected species known to occur on or near the project site, and recommendations to assist the applicant in preparation of the Environmental Impact Report.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this notice of preparation. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Cara McGary at (760) 431-9440.

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Sincerely,

Therese O'Rourke

Assistant Field Supervisor

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service





Enclosure General Fish and Wildlife Service Comments

To assist you in evaluating whether or not the proposed project may affect listed species, we are providing the following list of sensitive species that may occur in the project area: burrowing owl (Athene cunicularia), San Diego fairy shrimp (Branchinecta sandiegonensis), Otay tarplant (Deinandra conjugens), San Diego button celery (Eryngium aristulatum parishii), Quino checkerspot butterfly (Euphydryas editha quino), spreading navarretia (Navarretia fossalis), California Orcutt grass (Orcuttia californica), Otay Mesa mint (Pogogyne nudiuscula), and coastal California gnatcatcher (Polioptila californica californica). Please note that only general biological information is available for the project area and this may not be a comprehensive list. The proposed project is located in potential habitat for these species. However, we recommend that you seek assistance from a biologist familiar with the project site, and experienced in assessing the potential for direct, indirect, and cumulative effects to species and their habitats likely to result from the proposed activity.

To enable Service staff to adequately review and comment on the proposed project, we recommend the following information be included in the DEIR, as applicable:

- 1. A complete discussion of the purpose and need for, and description of, the proposed project, including all staging areas and access routes to the construction and staging areas.
- 2. A complete list and assessment of the flora and fauna within and adjacent to the project area, with particular emphasis upon identifying federally listed rare, threatened, endangered, or proposed candidate species, and any locally unique species and sensitive habitats. Specifically, the DEIR should include:
 - a. A thorough assessment of Rare Natural Communities on site and within the area of impact.
 - b. A current inventory of the biological resources associated with each habitat type on site and within the area of impact.
 - c. Detailed discussions, including both qualitative and quantitative analyses, of the potentially affected listed and sensitive species (fish, wildlife, plants), and their habitats on the proposed project site, area of impact, and alternative sites, including information pertaining to their local status and distribution.
 - d. Focused species-specific surveys, conducted at the appropriate time of year and time of day when the sensitive species are active or otherwise identifiable, are required.
 - e. An inventory of rare, threatened, and endangered species on site and within the area of impact.

- f. Discussions regarding seasonal variations in use by sensitive species of the project site as well as the area of impact on those species.
- 3. A thorough discussion of direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts expected to adversely affect biological resources. All facets of the project should be included in this assessment. Specifically, the DEIR should provide:
 - a. Specific acreage and descriptions of the types of wetlands, coastal sage scrub, and other sensitive habitats that will or may be affected by the proposed project or project alternatives. Maps and tables should be used to summarize such information.
 - b. The anticipated or real impacts of the project on the listed and sensitive species and habitats.
 - c. Project impacts should be analyzed relative to their effects on off-site habitats. Specifically, this should include nearby public lands, open space, adjacent natural habitats, and riparian ecosystems. Impacts to, and maintenance of, wildlife corridor/movement areas, including access to undisturbed habitat in adjacent areas should be fully evaluated and provided.
 - d. A discussion of potential conflicts resulting from wildlife-human interactions, potential adverse impacts from lighting, noise, vibration, human activity, changes in drainage patterns, polluted runoff, hazardous materials spills, soil erosion and/or sedimentation, with mitigation measures proposed to alleviate such impacts, must be included.
 - e. If applicable, the document should include an analysis of the effect that the project may have on completion and implementation of regional and/or subregional conservation programs.
 - f. An analysis of cumulative effects. General and specific plans, and past, present, and anticipated future projects, should be analyzed concerning their impacts on similar plant communities and wildlife habitats.
- 4. Mitigation measures for adverse project-related impacts on sensitive plants, animals, and habitats. Measures to fully avoid and otherwise protect Rare Natural Communities from project-related impacts should be included in the DEIR.

Mitigation measures should emphasize avoidance, and where avoidance is infeasible, reduction of project impacts. For unavoidable impacts, off-site mitigation through acquisition and preservation of the affected habitats in perpetuity should be addressed. The Service generally does not support the use of relocation, salvage, and/or transplantation as mitigation for impacts on rare, threatened, or endangered species. Studies have shown that these efforts are experimental in nature and largely unsuccessful.

Include measures to perpetually protect the targeted habitat values where preservation and/or restoration are proposed. The objective should be to offset the project-induced qualitative and quantitative losses of wildlife habitat values. Issues that should be addressed include restrictions on access, proposed land dedications, monitoring and management programs, control of illegal dumping, water pollution, increased human intrusion, etc. Plans for restoration and revegetation should be prepared by persons with expertise in southern California ecosystems and native plant revegetation techniques. Each plan should include, at a minimum: (a) the location of the mitigation site; (b) the plant species to be used; (c) a schematic depicting the mitigation area; (d) time of year that planting will occur; (e) a description of the irrigation methodology; (f) measures to control exotic vegetation on site; (g) success criteria; (h) a detailed monitoring program; (i) contingency measures should the success criteria not be met; and (j) identification of the entity(ies) that will guarantee achieving the success criteria and provide for conservation of the mitigation site in perpetuity.

- 5. Descriptions and analyses of a range of alternatives to ensure that alternatives to the proposed project are fully considered and evaluated. The analyses must include alternatives that avoid or otherwise reduce impacts to sensitive biological resources. Specific alternative locations should be evaluated in areas of lower resource sensitivity where appropriate.
- 6. If the proposed project has the potential to "take" any federally listed species, either directly or indirectly (i.e., foraging, reduction in habitat) over the life of the project, "take" authorization will need to be obtained from the Service through section 7 of the Act.
 - a. An analysis and discussion demonstrating that: 1) each impact has been minimized and fully mitigated, 2) all mitigation measures are capable of successful implementation, and 3) adequate funding is ensured for implementation, and for monitoring compliance with, and effectiveness of, the mitigation measures.
 - b. The analysis of the impacts of the taking must include all impacts on the species.
 - c. An evaluation of the impacts that includes a discussion of the potential to jeopardize the continued existence of the species. This should include consideration of the species' capability to survive and reproduce, and any adverse impacts of the taking on those abilities in light of: 1) known population trends, 2) known threats to the species, and 3) reasonably foreseeable impacts on the species from other related projects and activities.





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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND LAND USE

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE CALIFORNIA CROSSINGS, P06-102, TPM 21046, ENV. REVIEW NO. 93-19-006AA PROJECT, 9200 BLOCK OF OTAY MESA ROAD, IMMEDIATELY EAST OF THE SR-125 RIGHT-OF-WAY AND WEST OF HARVEST ROAD, SAN DIEGO, SAN DIEGO COUNTY, APN. 646-240-48 (SCH#2007121066)

Dear Mr. Hingtgen:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has received your submitted Notice of Preparation and Initial Study (IS) of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the above-mentioned project. The following project description is stated in your document: "The proposed project is a regional retail commercial center with surface parking and associated infrastructure on 299.6 acres. The project includes ten buildings totaling 355,918 square feet, 1,512 parking spaces, and 250 employees. Site uses would include retail, general merchandise, and food services. An EIR for the East Otay Mesa Specific Plan (SP 93-004); GPA 94-02 was certified by the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors on July 7, 1994. Addendum #14 dated June 15, 2007 was approved by the Board of Supervisors on August 1, 2007 (1) for the East Otay Mesa Update, SPR 06-0033, GPA 05-013, ER 93-19-006Y. This was an addendum to the previously certified EIR for the East Otay Mesa Specific Plan (GPA 94-02, Log No. 93-19-6)." DTSC has the following comments; please address if applicable.

- The EIR should identify the current or historic uses at the project site that may 1) have resulted in a release of hazardous wastes/substances. Your document states: "Land Use: Undeveloped"
- The EIR should identify the known or potentially contaminated sites within the proposed Project area. For all identified sites, the EIR should evaluate whether conditions at the site may pose a threat to human health or the environment. Following are the databases of some of the regulatory agencies:

- National Priorities List (NPL): A list maintained by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S.EPA).
- Envirostor (formerly CalSites): A Database primarily used by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control, accessible through DTSC's website (see below).
- Resource Conservation and Recovery Information System (RCRIS): A database of RCRA facilities that is maintained by U.S. EPA.
- Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Information System (CERCLIS): A database of CERCLA sites that is maintained by U.S.EPA.
- Solid Waste Information System (SWIS): A database provided by the California Integrated Waste Management Board which consists of both open as well as closed and inactive solid waste disposal facilities and transfer stations.
- Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUST) / Spills, Leaks, Investigations and Cleanups (SLIC): A list that is maintained by Regional Water Quality Control Boards.
- Local Counties and Cities maintain lists for hazardous substances cleanup sites and leaking underground storage tanks.
- The United States Army Corps of Engineers, 911 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, 90017, (213) 452-3908, maintains a list of Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS).
- 3) The EIR should identify the mechanism to initiate any required investigation and/or remediation for any site that may be contaminated, and the government agency to provide appropriate regulatory oversight. If necessary, DTSC would require an oversight agreement in order to review such documents. Please see comment No.17 below for more information.
- 4) All environmental investigations, sampling and/or remediation for the site should be conducted under a Workplan approved and overseen by a regulatory agency that has jurisdiction to oversee hazardous substance cleanup. The findings of any investigations, including any Phase I or II Environmental Site Assessment Investigations should be summarized in the document. All sampling results in

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which hazardous substances were found above regulatory standards should be clearly summarized in a table.

- Proper investigation, sampling and remedial actions overseen by the respective regulatory agencies, if necessary, should be conducted at the site prior to the new development or any construction. All closure, certification or remediation approval reports should be included in the EIR.
- Your document states:" The previously certified EIR identified significant and mitigable impacts for Health and Safety related to use of hazardous materials by industrial operations, transportation of hazardous materials, and possible exposure of residents and workers to hazardous materials used across the border in Mexico." If any property adjacent to the project site is contaminated with hazardous chemicals, and if the proposed project is within 2,000 feet from a contaminated site, then the proposed development may fall within the "Border Zone of a Contaminated Property." Appropriate precautions should be taken prior to construction if the proposed project is within a Border Zone Property.
- 7) If buildings, other structures, or associated uses; asphalt or concrete-paved surface areas are being planned to be demolished, an investigation should be conducted for the presence of other related hazardous chemicals, lead-based paints or products, mercury, and asbestos containing materials (ACMs). If other hazardous chemicals, lead-based paints (LPB) or products, mercury or ACMs are identified, proper precautions should be taken during demolition activities. Additionally, the contaminants should be remediated in compliance with California environmental regulations and policies.
- The project construction may require soil excavation or filling in certain areas. Sampling may be required. If soil is contaminated, it must be properly disposed and not simply placed in another location onsite. Land Disposal Restrictions (LDRs) may be applicable to such soils. Also, if the project proposes to import soil to backfill the areas excavated, sampling should be conducted to ensure that the imported soil is free of contamination.
- 9) Human health and the environment of sensitive receptors should be protected during the construction or demolition activities. If it is found necessary, a study of the site and a health risk assessment overseen and approved by the appropriate government agency and a qualified health risk assessor should be conducted to determine if there are, have been, or will be, any releases of hazardous materials that may pose a risk to human health or the environment.

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- 10) If it is determined that hazardous wastes are, or will be, generated by the proposed operations, the wastes must be managed in accordance with the California Hazardous Waste Control Law (California Health and Safety Code, Division 20, Chapter 6.5) and the Hazardous Waste Control Regulations (California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 4.5).
- 11) If it is determined that hazardous wastes are or will be generated and the wastes are (a) stored in tanks or containers for more than ninety days, (b) treated onsite, or (c) disposed of onsite, then a permit from DTSC may be required. If so, the facility should contact DTSC at (714) 484-5423 to initiate pre-application discussions and determine the permitting process applicable to the facility.
- 12) If it is determined that hazardous wastes will be generated, the facility should obtain a United States Environmental Protection Agency Identification Number by contacting (800) 618-6942.
- 13) Certain hazardous waste treatment processes may require authorization from the local Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA). Information about the requirement for authorization can be obtained by contacting your local CUPA.
- 14) If the project plans include discharging wastewater to a storm drain, you may be required to obtain an NPDES permit from the overseeing Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB).
- 15) If during construction/demolition of the project, the soil and/or groundwater contamination is suspected, construction/demolition in the area would cease and appropriate health and safety procedures should be implemented.
- 16) If the site was used for agricultural, cattle ranching or related activities, onsite soils and groundwater might contain pesticides, agricultural chemical, organic waste or other related residue. Proper investigation, and remedial actions, if necessary, should be conducted under the oversight of and approved by a government agency at the site prior to construction of the project.
- 17) Envirostor (formerly CalSites) is a database primarily used by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control, and is accessible through DTSC's website. DTSC can provide guidance for cleanup oversight through an Environmental Oversight Agreement (EOA) for government agencies, or a Voluntary Cleanup Agreement (VCA) for private parties. For additional information on the EOA please see www.dtsc.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/Brownfields, or contact Maryam Tasnif-Abbasi, DTSC's Voluntary Cleanup Coordinator, at (714) 484-5489 for the VCA.

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18) In future CEQA documents please provide contact person information, title, contact fax and e-mail address, and agency web address which contains the project information. Also, if the project title changes, please provide historical project title(s).

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Ms. Teresa Hom, Project Manager, preferably at email: thom@dtsc.ca.gov. Her office number is (714) 484-5477 and fax at (714) 484-5438.

Sincerely,

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